

Holy Week/Easter Triduum (including Confessions) - St Peter's Parish 2026

	St Peter's Church	Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Monday 30th March		Penance Service 7.30pm (several confessors available)
Tuesday 31st March		Seven Last Words of Jesus Music - Glóir 7.30pm
Holy Thursday 2nd April	Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.15pm Confessions after Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose until 9.00pm Music - SPMVC	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm Confessions after Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose until 10.00pm Music - Barry
Good Friday 3rd April	Outdoor Stations of the Cross St Mary's Church 10.30am The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Music - SPMVC Confessions after Liturgy	The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Music – Lourdes Youth Choir Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Confessions after both Liturgies
Holy Saturday 4th April	Confessions 12.00 noon – 1.00pm	Confessions 12.00 noon – 1.00pm The Easter Vigil 7.00pm Music - St Peter's Male Voice Choir
Easter Sunday 5th April	Mass Times 8.00am 11.00am Music - SPMVC	Mass Times 9.00am 10.30am Music - Lourdes Youth Choir 12.00 noon Music – Barry
Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April	Exposition, Chaplet, Prayers & Confessions. 3.00pm. Mass 4.00pm Music - Glóir	

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

29th March 2026

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP
Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence
Fr Desmond Branigan CC
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC
Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe

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St Peter's Presbytery 041 983 8239

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery 041 983 1899

St Peter's Church Sacristy 041 984 5355
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy 041 983 1973

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Mass Times

St Peter's Church
Monday to Friday
8.30am & 10.30am
Tuesday also
St Anthony's Novena
7.30pm
Saturday 10.30am
Vigil 6.15pm
Sunday 8.00am &
11.00am

**Our Lady of Lourdes
Church**
Monday to Saturday
10.00am
Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.00am,
10.30am & 12noon

**St Peter's Church
Shop:** Monday to
Thursday 11.00am –
2.00pm
Friday 11.00am -
3.00pm
Saturday 11.00am –
2.00pm

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The Barbican
St Peter's Parish
Centre 041 980 7416

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week. Palms are available at the back of both churches. Please take the first sprig available.

Stations of the Cross in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today Sunday at 5.00pm, led by the priests and deacons of the Parish.

Last Words from the Cross An hour of reflection and meditation on the Last Words from the Cross will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday of Holy Week, 31st March at 7.30pm. It will offer an opportunity to ponder quietly on the last few hours of the Agony of the Crucifixion while leaving us with the hope that comes with the Resurrection.

Chrism Mass

Archbishop Eamon, with the clergy of the diocese, will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 1st April at 7.00 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome. In particular, an invitation to attend is extended to families and schools in the diocese with children who will make their Confirmation this year.
www.armaghparish.net



Outdoor Way of the Cross: The Ecumenical Way of the Cross commences on Good Friday from St. Mary's Church at 10.30am, making its way through the medieval streets of Drogheda. The procession will stop at churches of different Christian denominations where prayers will be recited. The Ceremony will conclude at 12noon on the steps of St Peter's Church, West Street following a blessing by the assembled clergy. Special prayers for peace throughout the world will be recited.

Good Friday Collection There is a special envelope in your box this week for the Holy Land, which will be taken up on Good Friday. This collection is the main source of income for the maintenance and sustainability of the Christian identity in the Holy Land, and used towards pastoral, social, educational, health and welfare initiatives, but also to provide for our fellow Christians who have been forced to flee the Holy Places due to violence and the threat of war.

Trócaire boxes may be returned to the designated box in either church during the Easter Triduum or Easter Week. This year's theme is 'Strength and Honour are her Clothing' (Proverbs 31:25). The 2026 Lenten Campaign accompanies a three-generation family in rural Rwanda, led by Uwamahoro, a young mother supporting her daughter, niece and elderly mother. Through their story, we are invited to reflect on themes of resilience, care for our common home, and the dignity of every person in the face of poverty caused by climate injustice. trocaire.org.

In union with the Universal Church **no morning Masses** Thursday to Saturday of Holy Week.

Bottles of Easter Holy Water available in both churches from the Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday. Many thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for organising this initiative.

St Peter's Church Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's Church is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Wednesday in the main body of the church. Hours of Adoration, 11.00am – 4.00pm (Tuesday to 7.00pm).

All Masses are streamed live by webcam. www.sppd.ie or www.churchservices.tv (Drogheda).

Anniversaries and Month's Minds may be given in person or telephoned to St Peter's Sacristy, 041 984 5355, Monday – Saturday, 9.00am -1.00pm or Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy, 041 983 1973, Monday – Saturday, 9.30am - 12.30pm. Mass Stipend may be given via credit / debit card by telephone

Baptisms: Please contact the sacristies to arrange dates or to register. Our Lady of Lourdes Church every Saturday at 5.00pm. Register at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy, Thursday – Saturday, 9.30am -12noon. Tel 041 983 1973. Peter's Church every Sunday at 12.15pm. Register at St Peter's Church Sacristy, Monday – Saturday, 9.00am -1.00pm. Tel 041 984 5355. St Peter's Church every Sunday at 12.15pm. Register at St Peter's Church Sacristy, Monday – Saturday, 9.00am -1.00pm. Tel 041 984 5355

Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium **Legion of Mary** meets in the Stables Meeting Room (Augustinian Church) on Wednesday each week at 4 45pm. All are welcome.

St Vincent de Paul (Freephone 1800 67 77 77) continues to be ready to help anyone in need. **Samaritans** (supporting those in emotional distress 24/7) Freephone number 116 123. **Aware** 1800 80 48 48. **Drogheda River Rescue Emergency** 089 250 5562

The monthly **Family Mass** for March will be celebrated today, Sunday, 29th March in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.30am.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 21st /22nd March 2026

Loose €1,496 Envelopes €1,245 Tap to Donate €650 Total €3,391

Baptism

We welcome Liam Anthony Gareth Reynolds Walsh and Fionn Míchéal Farrell **into the Christian community**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased John Russell, Hand Street, Seamus Harrison, North Road, John Murray, Newfield, Declan Bennett, Stephen McCluskey, Patrick (Paddy) Nulty, Seamus Mullen Jimmy Cudden, Dom White, Michael Dowd, Patrick (Pat) Dennis, Mary Smyth. **May they rest in peace.**

Drogheda Community Services provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service at Dermot Kierans Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. To make an appointment please call 041 983 6084 or email info@droghedacsc.net

SportUile - Intro to Pitch & Putt (Adults 50+) SportUile (Louth & Meath Louth Local Sports Partnerships) is running a free 3-week beginner Pitch & Putt programme starting Thursday 9th April in O'Raghallaigh's GAA, 11.30am–12.30pm. No experience needed. All equipment provided. Limited places, booking essential. Contact Sean on 087 433 8378 or Email seandoherty@meathcoco.ie

The Medical Missionaries of Mary **Spring Fest**, celebrating community, creativity and care. Craft vendors, art, raffle, food, plants, flowers, bake sale, family fun and eco-talks. Saturday 18th April, 10.00am-3.00pm, in The Auditorium, MMM Convent, Beechgrove. Admission free. Free parking will be available at Our Lady of Lourdes church beside the venue. Email commoffice@mmmworldwide.org with all queries.

Lourdes Youth Choir

After over 35 years as Director of the Lourdes Youth Choir, Jackie Walshe is calling it a day. She will finish in June. the summer. Under Jackie's outstanding leadership the Lourdes Youth Choir (currently 24 girls, 9 – 17 years) has truly distinguished itself. The standard of music on Sundays in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, is really exceptional. There is an adult team which works with Jackie. St Peter's Parish, Drogheda seeks a new Director. Suggestions in this regard or expressions of interest should be made to the Parish Office / Parish Priest. Email office@sppd.ie Tel 041 983 8537.